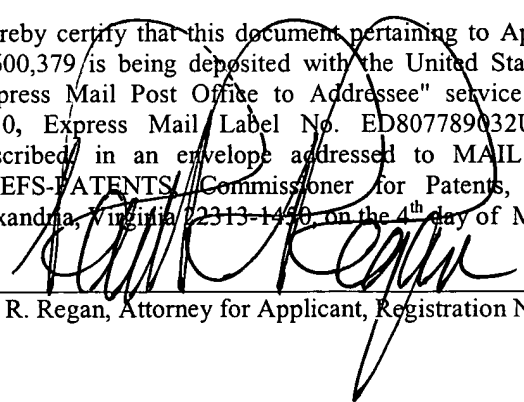


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On April 13, 2006 the Supervisory Patent Examiner mailed a Notice of Non-Compliant

Appeal Brief ("Notice") to Applicant who had filed a the Appeal Brief on February 10, 2006 ("Brief").

The Notice allows the Applicant only one month, or thirty days, whichever is longer, to file an amended Brief. This reply is therefore timely.

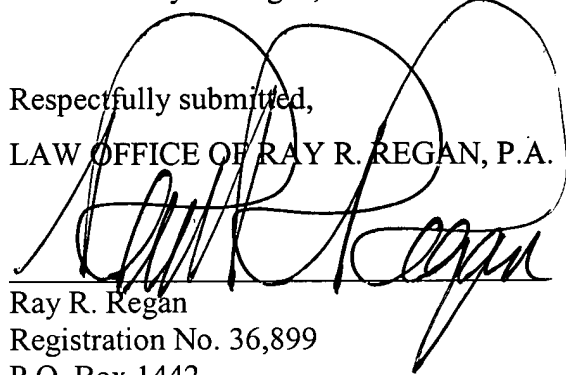
The Notice advances arguments by the Examiner that the originally filed Brief does not comply with 37 CFR §41.30 *et seq.*

In response, Applicant has included with this document an Amended Appeal Brief.

Applicant believes that submission of the Amended Appeal Brief is responsive to the Notice. If, however, the examiner has any additional comments or suggestions, the undersigned would welcome a telephone call to discuss the matter.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees in connection with this paper, and to credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account Number 501565 for the Law Office of Ray R. Regan, P.A.

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